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Mrs. John Quinn Chairman, Lecture Committee Mount Holyoke College South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Quinn:

Thank you very much for your letter of 29 June inviting me to speak at Mount Holyoke College on some Wednesday evening.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation, even though you were good enough to leave the choice of the date to me. Because of my many official commitments and heavy work schedule, I have made it a policy to try to keep my outside speaking engagements to a minimum and, unfortumately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was very thoughtful of you to ask me to join you, and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles Director

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Mrs. John Quinn Chairman, Lecture Committee Mount Holyoke College South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Quinn:

In the absence of Mr. Dulles, who is out of the city on a brief trip, I would like to acknowledge and thank you very much for your letter of 29 June.

When Mr. Dulles returns to his office, this will be brought to his attention.

Sincerely,

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Assistant to the Director

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